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CALL TO ARTISTS! ARTISTS ARE INVITED TO PAINT "OPEN AIR" STYLE AT THE 2016 GLENDALE PLEIN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION

GLENDALE, AZ---Artists are invited to paint outdoor scenes throughout Glendale, including the historic downtown area, which will be filled with all kinds of chocolate, people and entertainment on Saturday, Feb. 6, during the Plein Air Painting Competition held during the Glendale Chocolate Affaire.

Plein Air (open air) paintings are created outdoors and typically illustrate real-life scenes, as opposed to being painted from photographs in an artist's studio. The guidelines require that both painter and subject must be outdoors, photographs may not be used and the painting mediums should be oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastels.

Artists must be at least 18 years old to participate, bring their own materials and easels and register with competition officials prior to any work being done. Registration is free and will take place the day of the event between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the Promenade on Palmaire located at 5835 W. Palmaire Avenue in historic downtown Glendale.

Starting at 3:30 p.m., the artists will line up along the Promenade on Palmaire to display their paintings and judging will take place at 4:00 p.m. Winning artists will receive Purchase Awards and the paintings will become part of the city's permanent art collection.

Purchase Award categories:

- Council Choice, \$1,000 award
- Best of Show, \$1,000 award
- Second Place, \$500 award
- Third Place, \$250 award

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This event is presented by the city of Glendale Public Art Program in conjunction with the Office of Special Events and the annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire, held Feb. 5-7, 2016.

For more information about Glendale Plein Air Painting Competition rules and requirements, visit https://www.glendaleaz.com/arts/ArtistOpportunities.cfm or contact Mojgan Vahabzedah, Glendale Public Arts Program Manager, at 623-930-3557 or email her at Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com.

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